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Dear Sir or Madame,

I cannot believe that this court and the nine states that don't want to accept Microsoft's Settlement offer are willing to send this very fragile economy into the sewer. As msft goes so goes the market, as we investors all know. This is simply a case of going for them because they have deep pockets and the consumer is very sick of this activity by the courts. A blind person can see that those companies who were competitors of microsoft were also the same companies that politically swayed the DOJ case against them. The states who are not accepting the settlement offer are mostly the states that the aforementioned companies have a large facility(ies) in. Is this right to litigate rather than compete? I guess as long as the courts rule in favor of them why should they compete. In fact, AOL just announced that they are going to sue msft because of how msft treated the company thet AOL later purchased for \$10 billion because of the browsers. The timing for this lawsuit is certainly not a coincidence to millions of people. This country is way past being sue happy and we can thank the trial lawyers for that. This whole lawsuit is shameful for this country and our economy. Again I say, it's only a matter of deep pockets and we all know it.

Regards,

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